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For those who may not have received my letter this past week, I would like to offer it again:

Cindy's Chalkboard

To My Dear New Haven Family:

It seems like just yesterday that the cabinet appointed me to this deeply committed family of faith on the corner of 56th street and New Haven avenue. I remember walking in the double doors of the church on my first day with a fluttering in my heart and a joy in my soul; this was the place God had sent me to serve!

I have truly been blessed to be a part of the family at New Haven UMC for over eight years now. It has been a season of great joy for me and my family, as we have walked this journey in ministry together. It is a time that I cherish and will remember always.

This past week I received a call from Bishop Nunn to consider an opportunity in serving Christ through a different venue. After much discernment and heart felt prayer, I believe God is calling me to a new journey in servant-hood for Christ.

At the beginning of June of this year, I will no longer be your pastor at New Haven UMC. Our Bishop is assigning me to serve Christ and His Church as the District Superintendent of the Council Oak District of the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church. Rev. Dan Peil and I informed the Staff Parish Relations Committee of my impending departure this past week.

you will have a gifted pastor and servant minded leadership that are competent to perform all that I have been blessed to be a part of in our shared ministry here at New Haven UMC.

God’s spirit is alive and well at New Haven UMC. It is full of wonderful, active, and committed servants of Christ. I am certain this tradition will continue because God is faithful. I

A New Journey Ahead

Leaving New Haven UMC grieves me deeply. However, my heart’s desire is to serve and be faithful to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Until my departure, I will continue to proudly serve here with all the commitment, desire and dedication that I believe God has always called me to do. When the time comes that I must leave, I will defer all pastoral services to your new pastor and lay staff – including weddings, funerals and pastoral care. I have every confidence that the person being appointed to serve in ministry here will come with gifts and graces that will bless your lives richly. It’s not that I will stop caring about you – but I know you realize

look forward to hearing and seeing how New Haven UMC will continue to grow into the Body of Christ you all are called to be. You have richly blessed my life and I will always love and cherish our journey together deeply.

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Cindy

I am humbled to serve alongside you these past eight years. I will be praying for you in the upcoming weeks and months; please, in turn, pray for me. God is faithful and will provide just the right person who will love and care for you as I do!

LET'S GET CRAFTY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

Our awesome craft opportunity happens again next Sunday from 4:30-6:30 in the gym. It's free of cost for all ages! Children's activities are available for ages 4 and up during that same time. Contact Regina LaGrone, our craft extraordinaire for questions. We will be making Bunny Bun Baskets for Restore Hope and our homebound and special people in our congregation. Regina will show us each step in how we make these special gifts. It is a fun time together and the recipients will appreciate and know they are loved.



**ENJOY THE
OUTDOORS**

Looking for
men and women

to help with mowing the church yard
this summer.

Our goal is to have 4 teams with 3 people on each team available to mow once every four weeks.

Call or text Roland Friesen at 918 671-9318 or email at rolandfriesen@gmail.com

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

MARCH 1ST at 7:00 PM

*Ever wonder how we actually make the ashes for our Ash Wednesday service? Come join us **Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm**, and find out!*

Our service will begin outside in the church yard as we each bring forward the dried palm branches from Easter of last year, burn them and prepare the resulting ashes for use that evening

As we commemorate the beginning of the season of Lent, watch, learn, listen and take part in this deeply symbolic act of the preparing and the imposition of the ashes.

***"From dust you came,
to dust you shall return"***



**Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday**

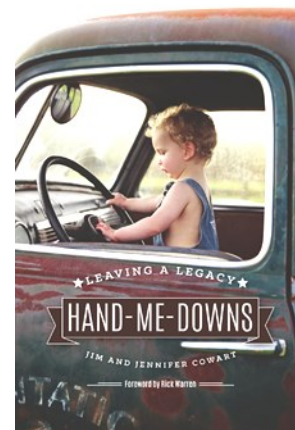
LENTEN STUDY ~ *Hand Me Downs; Leaving a Legacy*

Begins Sunday, March 5 ~ 9:45-10:45 AM ~ Room 161

Hand Me Downs is a six-week study that focuses on helping us experience a deeper faith, one that can be passed on to future generations. How do we share our faith with our children, grandchildren, or children in our church? What is the legacy you want to leave behind?

If you aren't already connected with a group on Sunday mornings, join the **Roundtable** Connection group as we explore ways to leave a legacy of faith.

For more information, contact Robin Stevens at rltstevens@mac.com.



**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL
WORKSHOP!**

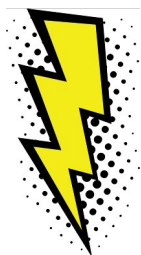


**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 25th
9:00 am ~ Noon**

**Boston Ave. UMC
1301 S. Boston Ave.
Tulsa, OK.
Room J221-
Jubilee Center**

Celebrate in a joyful worship experience, discover creative storytelling, catch a glimpse of decorating ideas, sing with excitement, take home craft ideas, sample scrumptious snacks and explore science activities!

**REGISTRATIONS DUE TODAY ~ CALL PAULA FOX
IF YOU'D LIKE TO ATTEND!**



FROM PATRICK'S DESK. . . .

Happy transformation week church!

What a fun morning we had seeing the youth lead us in worship!!! While behind the scenes I'll admit to being afraid whether we'd make it through or not, God ALWAYS shows off and sometimes especially through our young people. From the responses I've heard we'll have lots of homework getting done this week too! I learned in preparing for this service alongside the youth that it is SO very important that we rely on those intense memories and experiences of God's presence

that reside in our hearts that it is the best place to "fill up" our tank, and spend some time out of our minds! At the same time making sure that I take every opportunity to sharpen, and in Paul's words renew my mind because it sure does get in my way of what I KNOW God wants to accomplish through me. I pray daily for the youth that they will heed this lesson more than maybe any other. I know that if we can reach renewal regularly in our minds that the problems of the world will not affect my faith journey, and that when a good balance is achieved I can do my part to what we're all commanded to do – LIVE in the example of Christ. Thank you for the prayers for our youth, and your inspiring comments from the service! It really was a blessing for us, and we wish for each of you a transformation of Godly proportions!

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
- 3:45 pm Cub Scout Pack 67/270
- 4:00 pm Celebration Singers & WEB
- 4:30 pm Disciple I
- 4:30 pm "Let's Get Crafty"/Gym
- 5:00 pm Imagination Station (Children)
- 5:00 pm Liturgical Dance
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 6:00 Eagle Scout Court of Honor
- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

- 10:00 am Women's Grief Recovery
- 6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:00 pm ACOA/210

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
- 7:15 pm Yoga/Parlor

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

- 4:45 pm Dinner @ the Day Center
- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

- 9:00 am DSAT Breakfast/Gym

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 4:00 pm Celebration Singers & WEB
- 4:30 pm Disciple I
- 5:00 pm Imagination Station (Children)
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New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Pastor
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Paula Fox	Children's Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Lindsay Morgan	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2. Will Scruggs
3. J.J. Sartain
4. Billy Carthel
6. Regina LaGrone
9. Linda Jaeger
Caitlin Riffin
10. Shirley Nelson
15. Marianne Duiveman
16. Jocelyn Schifferdecker
Donita Gray
17. Kegan Schifferdecker
23. Dot Haynes
Ginny Lamkin
Stella Schwartz
Mary Anne Tyler
24. Jean Smith
26. Michael Sherwin
27. Mary Ann Cunningham



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . . .

Kelly Sartain
Dodie Wood
Mary Ann Cunningham
Max Nightingale
Carol Morgan

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Mary Ann Cunningham's brother, Bob; Roland Freisen's mother; Pam Rowley; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Marjorie Stewart
Ovella Followell
Rosemary Tarr
Dot and Kelly Haynes
Dorothy Koons

ATTENDANCE

February 19, 2017

Worship Services

8:45 am: 60

11:00 am:114

Total: 174

Sunday School

Adults-54

Youth-11

Children-7

Day School Chapel-83

ADULT CLASSES

Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class
Galatians

Parlor: Fellowship Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 210: New Friendship Class
"The Lives of Great Christians" by
William Cook

Room 103 Interlude Class
"Redemption of Scrooge"

Room 206: New Haven 206
Connection Group "The Wired Word"

Room 161: Roundtable "The Faith of a
Mockingbird" by Matt Rawle

You may email articles for the Spire (no later than Sunday evenings, please.) Sending your article on a "Word" document as an attachment works best. Please email your article to pat.bates@newhavenumc.org. Please note "Spire Newsletter" on the subject line. While we make every effort to include your request, we reserve the right to edit or delete articles due to space availability.

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